

Seven Steps to Answered Prayer

1. You must be specific and Stand on GOD'S WORD.

"YOU have dealt well with YOUR servant, O LORD, according to YOUR WORD."

Psalms 119:65 ESV

"YOU have dealt well with YOUR servant, O LORD, according to YOUR promise."

Psalms 119:65 AMP

- GOD'S WORD is HIS language, HIS promise, HIS commitments and intentions that HE communicates to us.

We all know that if you speak French to a Frenchman and Italian to an Italian they understand what you are saying. GOD does not speak doubt; HE speaks HIS WORD, when we quote Scripture we speak GOD'S language.

- Psalm 119:65 tells us that GOD deals with us according to HIS WORD.
- This step is possibly the most important and requires some preparation on your part.
- You have to know the promises in the WORD regarding your request. This way you know what your minimum expectation of GOD may be.
- Once you sought out what GOD'S WORD says about your need, you can effectively stand on HIS promise.
- GOD is not a man that HE should lie, nor the son of a man that HE would go back on HIS WORD. If HE said it, HE will do it. This is our security when we come to HIM with our need. HE is a promise-keeper and we can rely on HIM.

"GOD is not a man, that HE should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that HE should feel repentance of compunction [for what HE has promised]. Has HE said and shall HE not do it? Or has HE spoken and shall HE not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19

- If we do not know HIS WORD we can only hope HE will answer our petition and that we are actually praying something HE is willing to do. When you have Scripture backing up your petition, you know HE will answer your prayer with a favourable outcome. Your faith is strengthened and you can rejoice in thanksgiving.

2. You have to ask the LORD for what you desire.

"Delight yourself also in the LORD, and HE will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart."

Psalms 37:4

- GOD knows our needs.
- GOD wants to know our desires as well.

- HE wants us to ask HIM and HE wants to answer our prayers.

“...verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the FATHER in MY Name, HE will give it to you...ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

John 16:23-24

- When we are very specific in our asking, it counters the seeds of doubt - “was it really GOD?” - satan wants to sow when we receive what we asked. Especially when it is a prayer only GOD and you know you prayed.
- Answered prayers build our faith. The prayers GOD answered yesterday are the faith foundation (together with the prayers we see answered in the WORD) for the prayers we will be praying tomorrow. Answered prayer causes our faith to grow stronger.

3. Be positive in the way you think about GOD and HIS WORD.

“And [JESUS] said to HIS disciples, Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious and troubled [with cares] about your life, as to what you will [have to] eat; or about your body, as to what you will [have to] wear.”

Luke 12:22

- Guard your thought-life.

“Curse not the king, no, not even in your thoughts, and curse not the rich in your bedchamber, for a bird of the air will carry the voice, and a winged creature will tell the matter.”

Ecclesiastes 10:20

- Make sure that your thoughts line up with GOD’S WORD regarding the matter you are praying about.
- You are in full control of the thoughts you allow and fully capable of replacing negative thoughts that contradict the WORD with Scripture.

“[Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings...”

- It is not a matter of positive thinking, it is a matter of WORD-thinking.
- When under attack in your mind, consciously replace the thoughts with Scripture.

4. The key to guarding your mind!

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are MY ways higher than your ways and MY thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:9

- Know GOD’S WORD.
- You cannot quote Scripture if you do not know Scripture.
- You cannot put a thought-attack on hold until you are ready to counter it with Scripture.

- Seek out the Scripture regarding the situation/issue you are facing as you enter into prayer regarding the matter and then quote that Scripture when the attack on your faith comes.
- Be practical. Many fail because they pretend to be holy. Write down the Scripture you are standing on and carry it on you so that you can read it when you need to. Pretending to remember the Scripture you are standing on does not work.
- By the time you celebrate the victory, you will know the Scriptures you are standing on off by heart!

“So JESUS said...,if you abide in MY WORD [hold fast to MY teachings and live in accordance to them], you are truly MY disciples.
And you will know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free.”
John 8:31-32

5. Meditation is the key to successful prayer!

“This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.”
Joshua 1:8

- Bite into the WORD like you would a piece of steak (or whatever healthy meal you enjoy). Then start chewing and enjoying the flavour. Allow your body to digest and grow strong on the nourishment it offers.
- An anorexic spirit will be defeated every time.
- Watch out ... do not try to run on “empty”.

6. Give GOD thanks – continually!

“Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to GOD.”
Philippians 4:6

- Do not wait for the final outcome before you give a quick prayer of thanksgiving.
- Thanksgiving is the Celebration of living a Sabbath-life*.
- Thanksgiving is GOD’S perfect will for you.

“Thank [GOD] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of GOD for you [who are] in CHRIST JESUS [the REVEALER and MEDIATOR of that will].
1 Thess.5:18

- Thanksgiving makes whole.

[Read Luke 17:14-19](#)

- Thanksgiving keeps your heart steadfast.
- Thanksgiving appreciates the adventure.
- Thanksgiving keeps you out of satan's reach.

*** Sabbath-life defined:**

- Living a life of remembrance – always remembering and celebrating what GOD has done in your life.
- Resting in the WORD of GOD and all that HE has done in your life. Give HIM thanks on a daily basis no matter what you may face.

7. Make every prayer a statement of faith!

“Put ME in remembrance [remind ME of your merits]; let us plead and argue together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified (proved right).”

Isaiah 43:26

- Your prayer has to be backed up with what GOD already promised.
- You have to think, speak and pray the WORD of GOD.
- You have to keep your side (of what the WORD requires) to see the promise fulfilled.
- You have to take every thought captive and bring it under submission to the WORD of GOD.
- You have to stand on the WORD. It must be your only reality. You must refuse to accept anything that contradicts the WORD of GOD.
- This forms and establishes your faith.
- Now you have to come to GOD and make your case in faith based on these promises HE already made and which you are standing on.
- Faith (speak HIS language) HIS WORD to HIM.

The time between your asking and your receiving shows what is in your heart.

Will you doubt if you do not receive the answer in a day /week or two?

You cannot afford to keep going round the mountain, choose life, choose to believe today.

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,” Deut.30:19

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